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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicant elects uridine 5'-monophosphate, with traverse. Claims 1, 8, 13, 21 & 26 are listed as reading on the elected species.

Reconsideration is requested.

The Examiner has not alleged that there are independent and distinct inventions present that would provide a statutory basis for requiring the election of a species. For this reason, it is requested that the requirement be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,


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